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APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 841 on page 56]

A.(a) and (b)—Fuel trees have been raised during the Second Five-year Plan period under two schemes, viz., the scheme for afforestation of dry fuel forests and the scheme for casuarina plantations. During the Second Five-Year Plan period, about 58,840 acres have been planted with fuel trees under the scheme for afforestation of dry fuel forests. About 3,265 acres have been planted with casuarina under the scheme for casuarina plantations during the Second Five-Year Plan period.

2. During the Third Five-Year Plan period, an area of 57,000 acres will be planted under the scheme for afforestation of dry fuel forests and another area of 3,000 acres will be planted with casuarina under the scheme for casuarina plantations. Out of this, during 1961-62 an area of 9,084 acres has been planted under the scheme for afforestation of dry fuel forests and another area of 735 acres has been planted under the scheme for casuarina plantations. During 1962-63, fuel trees will be raised over 8,680 acres under the scheme for afforestation of dry fuel forests and casuarina plantations will be raised over 717 acres under the scheme for casuarina plantations. Fuel trees will also be raised under the scheme for Farm Forestry during the Third Five-Year Plan period.

3. It is also proposed to raise fast growing species for fuel purposes over an area of 1,000 acres in the Chingleput, Cuddalore North, Cuddalore South and Vellore East Forest Divisions during 1962-63 at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.83 lakhs.

APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 847 on page 57]

A scheme for the institution of a Contributory Thrift Fund on a pilot basis for the weavers in the co-operative sector of the hand-loom industry in the Madras State has been sanctioned in G.O. Ms. No. 3722, Industries, Labour and Co-operation (Industries), dated 24th July 1962. The salient features of the pilot scheme are given below :—

(1) *Coverage of scheme*.—The pilot scheme will cover weavers' co-operative societies and members in these societies selected with reference to the following conditions :—

- (a) The society should have completed 5 years of working.
- (b) It should have worked at a profit continuously for three years.
- (c) The borrowing power of the society should be at least twice its total working capital requirements.
- (d) The weaver should have been a member of the society for not less than two years.